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1. In mid-June 1952 about 20,000 Koreans living in Manchuria, 18-28 years
   of age, were recruited for training (C-6).[1] The recruits were to be
   trained for three months at the North Korean Army recruit training
   station in Lungchingts'un (129-26, 42-47) by Chinese Communist and
   North Korean officers.[2] Dummy weapons were to be used in training.
   The recruits were then to be sent to the front in Korea.[3]

2. In mid-June 1,000 men began training at a North Korean Army tank
   training school at Laot'oukou (129-10, 42-54). Koreans in Manchuria,
   20-25 years of age, had been selected for a one-year training course
   conducted by Soviet and North Korean tank officers. The school was
   equipped with several tanks.[4]

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       North Korean divisions were trained in Manchuria during the period
       December 1951 - February 1952. Half of these troops were Koreans
       living in Manchuria and half were conscripted in North Korea.

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       prior to 2 September a total of 18,000 Koreans had been inducted
       and were being trained in the Mutanchiang area.

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       Chinese Communists recruited Koreans from Manchuria to serve with
       Chinese Communist units in Korea. The Chinese Communists hoped thus
       to win the goodwill of the North Korean Army and the Korean people.

25X1   Comment.   prior
       to 17 December 1951 the North Korean Army was organizing seven divisions in
       the Yench'i (129-31, 42-55) area for training in infantry and mechanized tactics.
       The military school was controlled by Soviet officers and had mechanized equipment

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